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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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- Between 1 and 15 January 1951, three units assembled daily in the yard of the Pioneer Kaserne, Fuersternwalde (N 53/V 33). Only 17 to 20 officers and 110 to 120 EM of Major Strakhov's unit assembled in the yard. The major received the report that the battalion had fallen in. It was observed, however, that at least double the number of the troops had fallen in were in the barracks buildings assigned to Major Strakhov's unit. The same observation was made regarding the other two units who assembled in the installation. One-third of the troops which assembled in the yard were tank troopers, one-third engineers, and one-third signal personnel. Six T-34 tanks and six J3 tanks were seen alternately leaving the installation for practice in the field. One of the garages sheltered eight small armored scout cars, two amphibious cars, and three half-track vehicles. Fifteen motorcycles with sidecars were seen in Major Dobrovski's unit during a vehicle inspection. (1)

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General Gusov (fnu) rode in

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staff car

The engineer troops were observed practicing rock demolition on a specially constructed bridge in the billeting area. The tank troopers were engaged primarily in drill and field training. (2)

- Officers' wives said that a shipment of dependents was due to leave for the U.S.S.R.. It was rumored that the unit of Major Strakhov was scheduled for transfer. It was also said that Colonel Kuzin (fnu) would soon leave for reassignment, and that Colonel Fedozepev (fnu) had already transferred. (3)

- One of the units in the Spree Kaserne, or Leiter Kaserne, was commanded by Colonel Maksimov (fnu). His deputy was Lieutenant Colonel Shubin (fnu). (4)

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[] Comments.

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- (1) [] among others, three battalion-size units of about 600 men each were stationed in the Pionier Kasernes. [] The present report, however, 25X1 states that each of the three battalions averaged only 40 to 50 officers and about 360 men. [] previous statements on the 25X1 strength and composition of these units indicate that they are probably the organic components of a mechanized regiment of the 25X1 7th Gds Mecz Div.

(2)

- (3) [] previously reported Colonel Puzin (fnu) to be the headquarters commandant of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. [] 25X1
[] The transfer of Colonel Fedosenev (fnu) was previously reported []
- (4) [] the two officers as unit commanders in the installation in mid-November and December 1950. [] 25X1
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